

SQUEEZINS

"Our squeezin'...is pleasin'"

The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter



February Reminder for the March Convention National Accordion Convention Hilton Hotel, Richardson Hotel March 15 – 19, 2023

Hello Accordionists on CEO Norman Seaton's contact list,
Are you still undecided about attending the 2023 National Accordion
Convention? www.accordions.com/naa

Review our website one more time because this will be the first of future
conventions. 2023 will be bringing back highlights of the past and a movement
toward the future with the inclusion of more musical instruments.

February Hybrid Meeting

Our February meeting will be held on Sunday, February 12, at 3:30 pm.
It will be a "hybrid meeting," and will combine both an "in-person" meeting and a *Zoom* meeting.
Please follow the signs.

If you need instructions for using *Zoom*, please call Maggie Abel, and ask her for a trial
session on using the *Zoom* meeting features.
For meeting details and instructions, see page 3.



Prez Sez

Maggie Abel

Leapin' lizards! It's already February, and the year is starting out gloriously. Beginning with last month's Hawaiian-themed meeting, followed by the spontaneous jam session, events could not have been finer.

This month, our session will begin at 3:30 pm, February 12, at *Messiah Lutheran Church*, convening in our usual meeting space on the right of the foyer. *Zoom* will be at hand also for those so inclined.

Nothing could be finer than to take a music lesson with your instrument, knowing that -- with practice -- each week you will be improving ever so much! The guidance of a teacher gives you a track to run on! A teacher's contact card can certainly be found listed in the back of each newsletter.

Of course, the icing on the cake would be to attend the *National Accordion Association* Convention coming up in Richardson (aka Dallas), Texas. Circle the dates, -- March 15-19, 2023 -- on your calendar, knowing you'll make accordion friends and learn from accordion greats. Registration is open right now -- I enrolled already, and enjoyed answering the questions about which types of workshops, etc., I would like to attend.

Special features you'll encounter in Dallas are:

(1) The *Fun Band*: Yes, be a part of a group practicing together to give a public concert. *OAC* Founder and Past President Dick Albreski has arranged the music, and will conduct the practices and final performance. You'll brag on it all the rest of the year! The music can be downloaded from the convention registration site.

(2) Vendor rooms to buy, trade, swap, or sell your instrument! Attend with one squeezebox, and return home with two! Or the other way around! ;-D

(3) A popular thing is the impromptu jam sessions held most every night in a conference room, or even the hallways, after the day's regular workshops, concerts, and activities are complete. Experienced players or novices -- there's always a chair waiting for you to participate or watch.

Visit *OAC* at no charge or become a member to help support the room rental, *Youth Band*, holiday parties, and other traditional amenities *OAC* offers! Our treasurer, Ron Shearon (contact information in this newsletter), can handle your dues, donations, or questions!

If you can attend only digitally, check page 3 of this newsletter for instructions. *Zoom* newcomers needing a test sign on, message me this week for a trial run.

This Sunday, I'll demo for you a cute little red 8-bass accordion, and on the tables, you will find accordion sheet music generously donated to the Club by accordionist Marie Bauer. See you Sunday!

• Maggie Abel, OAC President



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February Hybrid Meeting Information

Out-of-town members, or anyone who cannot attend the live meeting in person, may still wish to experience it in *Zoom* (the same way they did in previous months).

(1) On computer, tablet, or smartphone, to join us with audio and video, go to:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5236709799>

OR

(2) On your landline or non-smart telephone, to join us by audio only, call this number:

346/248-7799. When you are asked for a meeting ID, type in 523-670-9799.

If you want to try out the system before that date, just call me at 405/201-7867, and we'll give it a test to make sure all systems are go.

Grab your Ma and bring your Pa, as we broad-jump into that *OAC* squeezebox spirit, anticipating our upcoming meeting!



Member Beau Mansfield's Mother, Terry Marshall, died of a heart attack recently. She had been sick for a while, and weakened gradually for a few weeks. Beau was with her when she passed from this Earth. Please keep her and Beau in your prayers.

Mark Your Calendars

Dick Albreski

FUN BAND at the National Accordion Association Convention. Once again, I will conduct the FUN BAND at this year's convention. Mark your calendars for March 15-19, 2023, for a chance to perform with the best band in the land. The FUN BAND music is now available on the NAA website. Let me know your thoughts on my 2023 arrangements. There will be rehearsals on Thursday and Friday. The FUN BAND concert will be Saturday evening. Thank you, Dick Albreski.

National Accordion Convention, March 15-19, 2023, at the Hilton Hotel in Richardson, Texas. The *Hilton Hotel* reservation system is now open.

Register your room on or before February 24, 2023, and enjoy a free breakfast. Also, the Convention registration is open and requires your attention. This year will be a year of change based on recent surveys. We asked and you told us what you would like. There will be workshops to meet your technical needs. There will be vendors to also meet your accordion needs. Check the website,

[NationalAccordion.org](https://www.nationalaccordion.org). It is up and running to give you the best convention ever.

Accordion Extravaganza, on May 17-20, 2023, at the Hughes American Family Theater in Branson, Missouri. *Lodge of the Ozarks* will give special rates for those attendees. More to follow. Costs for the accordionists is \$250.00. The motel costs are separate. For total and complete data on this event, go to <https://www.squeezeplay.biz>.

Another source of accordion information is the [Accordionusa.com](https://www.accordionusa.com) website. This will tell you what's happening in the total U.S.A. Enjoy!

As future events happen, hopefully we will see them in advance to make plans. Keep checkin' this column.

• Dick Albreski, *OAC* Co-Founder



January Meeting Minutes

Oklahoma Accordion Club

Minutes

January 8, 2023

The OAC held its first meeting of the new year on Sunday, January 8, 2023, at the usual venue, *Messiah Lutheran Church* in OKC. Nine members and three guests attended in person, and one guest joined us on *Zoom*. Total attendance was thirteen.

President Maggie Abel called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm. She introduced all who were present. The guests were Cassi Radicelli, John Warren, and his daughter Jacqueline Warren.

- Ron Shearon led us in reciting "The Pledge of Allegiance."
- Dick Albreski announced that *The Bohemian Knights* band will be playing at *Royal Bavarian Restaurant* in Moore the next three weekends. Music starts at 5:30 on Fridays and Saturdays. Reservations are recommended.
- Dick played the ever-popular "Beer Barrel Polka." He told us some of the song's history. It was composed in 1927 by a Czech — Jaromir Vejvoda. It was originally a waltz. After several changes in both title and tempo, it became the "Beer Barrel Polka" that we know today. It became popular in the USA in the 1940s.
- Dick played another song by the same composer — "I Love to Dance." He finished his performance with "Fascination," played in 2/4 time.

- Karen West performed a Neil Diamond piece, "I'm A Believer." She followed with "Strangers in the Night."
- Maggie asked Ron how many accordions he owns. He said he has twenty -- nine are in good shape, but the others need repair work.
- Next, we warmed up the winter meeting with some Island Music. Several members donned leis, grass skirts, and other Hawaiian costume items. Anne Lopez and Lois Roth led a singalong. We began with "Auld Lang Syne" to welcome the New Year. Then we got into the Hawaiian mood with "Tiny Bubbles." "Hawaiian War Chant" inspired several hula dancers, including Cassi.
- Anne and Lois performed "Drifting and Dreaming," "Blue Hawaii," and "Aloha Oe" ("Farewell to Thee"). Anne soloed with "Sweet Leilani."
- Guest John Warren and his accordion entertained us with a variety of songs including "Stardust", "Too Fat Polka," and "I Married an Angel."
- The meeting ended with John, Anne, and Lois putting on an impromptu jam session.

The meeting was adjourned.

Our next meeting will be Sunday, February 12 at 3:30 pm. Please join us for a musical Valentine's Day celebration.

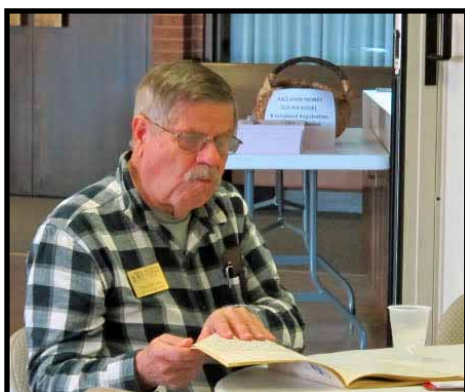
Respectfully submitted,

Lois Roth, OAC Secretary



January Hybrid Meeting

Diana Richard



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The Bohemian Knights

Maggie Able



**Happy Belated and Birthday Wishes to
the following OAC members:**

T. Z, Wright, February 21

Bob Mansfield, February 24



Your birthdate is collected from your OAC membership application, if you have chosen to include it. If your birthdate is not listed on our newsletter birthday page during the year, please contact Karen West at 405/949-0394, or at accordion_karen@yahoo.com.



Oklahoma Accordion Club Membership & Renewal Form

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The OAC membership year runs from January through December. Membership cost is prorated quarterly for new members.

☐ Primary Membership is \$20 per year per individual ☐ Lifetime Membership is a one-time fee of \$300

☐ Family Membership is \$10 per year for each additional family member, when accompanied by a Primary Membership ☐ Youth Membership is complimentary for accordion-playing youth through age 18

Your status (please check all that apply): ☐ Professional ☐ Teacher ☐ Repairman ☐ Student

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